**Quarter 1 Quarter Project Miller and Balazs**

We have previously worked on developing a variety of questions, factual, analytical and essential. In writing this essay you will develop a question that interests you about the period of early America through the American Revolution. The question will allow you to reflect on history and literature. The question will help guide you to a thesis-based, take-home persuasive essay which must be submitted electronically by the time class starts on Thursday, Oct 27th. We will spend a good deal of time preparing for this essay during class to assist you as you develop your essay over the next couple of weeks.

Requirements: Your thesis must be arguable and specific and you will need to develop reasons for its validity throughout your essay. These reasons must be supported with specific evidence from your sources, including examples and quotations. The finished product should feature clearly presented ideas, and demonstrate a significant depth of understanding of your sources.

## Format

You should use MLA format for your paper. You should aim to submit an essay in the 4-5 page range – a length that will allow you to properly develop your argument, but not so long that you lapse into repetition.

# **Sources**

Even though this assignment calls for you to support your thesis with *three* sources, you must make sure that two of those sources are *featured*, receiving more elaboration, development, and emphasis than the third. One of these “featured” sources must be from your history course, the other must be from your literature course. Your third source can be taken from either class. Please do not include additional sources, as that will prevent you from writing about your required three sources in sufficient depth. Remember, this paper is asking you to demonstrate the depth of your thinking, not the breadth of your thinking, so you do not need to conduct any research beyond what we have done in class.

The history and literature source must be a primary source, the 3rd source can be a secondary source.

**Process Work**

As part of the process work for your project, you will be asked to submit the following:

1. a question,
2. your sources,
3. a thesis, and
4. an outline.

Please take time to study the process deadline dates on the attached calendar. Please also spend some time acquainting yourself with (a) the available sources for this project (on source list handout), and (b) the various evaluation categories that appear on the assignment rubric.

**Final Thoughts**

Lastly, we are here to help you be successful. Please come and see us if you have questions or need advice as you are working on your paper.

Calendar

E day -Friday- Introduction to subject

F- Day Monday- work in class Question?

G/H Tuesday/Wednesday- work in class Thesis submission

A day- Thursday-submit outline?

B day Friday 10/21

C day Monday 10/24

D day Tuesday 10/25

E day Wednesday 1026

F day Thursday 10/27- due

Rubric